

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Charles E. Taylor, et al.
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Title: ROBOT VACUUM WITH PARTICULATE DETECTOR
Art Unit: 1746
Examiner: Zeinab El Arini
Docket No.: 112440-147

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring the Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

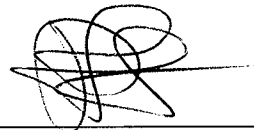
- I. Claims 1 to 14 and 29 to 38, drawn to a method of operating a robot cleaner, classified in class 134, subclass 18; or
- II. Claims 15 to 28 and 39 to 48, drawn to a robot cleaner, classified in class 15, subclass 319.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 15 to 28 and 39 to 48, without traverse, for examination on the merits. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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